

COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

April 22, 2019

- Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room of the courthouse Monday, April 22, 2019. Vice-Chairman Al Joe Wallace called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Member Randy Lohmann present. Chairman Alexis Pflugh was present via telephone, and requested that Vice-Chairman Wallace conduct the meeting. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance.
- Visitors: Others present for portions of the meeting: Mona Gerstmann, Sharon Dohe, Cynthia Nelson, Norman Mannel, David Dohe, Michelle Griffin, Clara Mullen, Kelly Larson, Wanda Backstrom, Michel O’Hare, and Tanner Yost.
- Minutes Approved: Alexis Pflugh moved to approve the minutes from April 15, 2019, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- Emergency Management: Emergency Manager David Dohe reported on activities for the month. Dohe requested an executive session for fifteen minutes to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. The board related that they did not feel comfortable entering into executive session until all members could be present in person and requested that Dohe schedule a time on the April 29 agenda.
- OCCK Bike Sharing Program: OCCK representatives Michelle Griffin and Clara Mullen explained a newly established Bike Sharing Program and requested approval to install a bike rack on the courthouse lawn, however a concrete slab would need to be poured to accommodate the rack. Economic Development Director Kelly Larson related that she would write a grant for Windpower Economic Benefit Funds for the concrete slab if the board approved the bike rack be located on courthouse grounds. Alexis Pflugh moved to approve a bike rack be placed on courthouse grounds, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried.
- 12th Judicial District Community Corrections: Wanda Backstrom, 12th Judicial District Community Corrections presented grant applications for the board’s approval and explained services offered by each of the grant programs. Randy Lohmann moved to allow the Vice-Chairman to sign the FY2020 Comprehensive Plan Signatory, FY2020 Behavioral Health Application Signatory approval; and FY2020 Juvenile Justice Comprehensive Plan Grant Signatory approval, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Wallace – Aye; Lohmann – Aye; Pflugh – Abstained.
- Highway Department: Director of Public Works Michel O’Hare reported that the Schneider road improvement project was completed and updated the board on bridge replacement and repair projects OS 87 and OS 105. O’Hare reported the status of the dozer that tipped over in a gravel pit and discussed potential uses for an excavator should the county consider purchasing one. O’Hare requested a \$1.00 per hour merit increase for Jesse Zachgo who has been assisting him until the Road and Bridge Supervisor position is filled. The board took no action this date. Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael presented a cost estimate to design a plan for the entire parcel that the currently contains the construction/demolition pits. No decision was made this date. Yost related that Kirkham Michael would also be willing to assist the county in creating a road maintenance agreement, which would include assessing roads and structures, for the Smoky Hills Wind Farms repowering projects.

- Board Appointments:** The board reviewed letters received to serve on the various county appointed boards. Alexis Pflugh moved to appoint Charles Newell to the Crime Victim's Restitution board, seconded by Randy Lohmann. Motion carried. Randy Lohman moved to appoint Steve McReynold's to the First Rural Fire District governing board, seconded by Al Joe Wallace. Motion carried. Randy Lohmann moved to appoint Glen Mallom to the Repeater board, seconded by Alexis Pflugh. Motion carried.
- Public Comments:** Norman Mannel related that he believes the county should hire an attorney to deal with the wind tower repowering as there have been several issues arise in Reno and Rice counties.
- Landfill Fees Waived:** Clerk Harlow forwarded a request from the City of Lincoln to waive landfill fees to dispose of materials gathered during their community cleanup days this week. The board approved.
- Adjourn:** The Vice-Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:06 pm. until 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, 2019 in the commission meeting room of the courthouse.